

CLAIM LISTING AND STATUS

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (New) A computer executable method for resolution of a negotiation between at least two parties including at least one issue to be resolved, operative to control a neutral site computer and stored on at least one computer readable medium, said neutral site computer being in communication with at least first and second party computers, said neutral site computer being programmed to carry out the steps of:

- a) receiving from each of said party computers, a range of values and preferences associated with said at least one issue to be resolved;
- b) determining from said preferences a combined bargaining range of values from least preferred outcome to most preferred outcome for each party for said at least one issue to be resolved;
- c) automatically generating a plurality of suggestions that seek to provide a corresponding plurality of potential resolutions to the negotiation, each of said suggestions providing a proposed value for said at least one issue to be resolved, each of which falls within the said combined bargaining range for said at least one issue;
- d) sending each of said suggestions to each of said party computers;
- e) holding in confidence in said neutral site computer any acceptance indication received from any of said party computers that the party associated with that party computer accepts one or more of said suggestions; and

f) when said neutral site computer determines from all received acceptance indications that all of the parties accept at least one of the same of said suggestions, automatically sending an agreement indication to each of said party computers that the parties have reached an agreement.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said negotiation includes a plurality of issues to be resolved and said neutral site computer is further programmed to determine from said preferences a relative importance of each of said issues to each of said parties; and said step of automatically generating a plurality of suggestions that seek to provide a corresponding plurality of potential resolutions to the negotiation, further comprises generating a plurality of suggestions each of which provides a proposed solution to each of the plurality of issues and provides an overall rating value for each of said parties, said rating value being determined by said neutral site computer based on the relative importance of each of said issues to each of said parties.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein each of said party computers further includes a graphical interface for entering said range of values and preferences associated with said plurality of issues to be resolved to be sent to said neutral site computer; displaying said plurality of suggestions generated by said neutral site computer when said suggestions are received from said neutral site computer; entering one or more acceptance indications to be sent in confidence to said neutral site computer; and, displaying an agreement indication when received from said neutral site computer.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein each of said party computers further includes a graphical interface for entering said range of values and preferences associated with said at least

one issue to be resolved to be sent to said neutral site computer; displaying said plurality of suggestions generated by said neutral site computer when said suggestions are received from said neutral site computer; entering one or more acceptance indications to be sent in confidence to said neutral site computer; and, displaying an agreement indication when received from said neutral site computer.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of generating a plurality of suggestions further comprises generating said plurality of suggestions based on suggestions that have been previously generated by said neutral site computer.